

**LAFCO MEETING:** February 6, 2013  
**TO:** LAFCO  
**FROM:** Neelima Palacherla, Executive Officer  
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**SUBJECT:** INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS REPRESENTATION ON LAFCO

### **For Information Only**

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In January 2013, independent special districts became represented on LAFCO. LAFCO will now include two regular commissioners and one alternate commissioner from independent special districts.

Prior to this, the 15 cities and the County were the only public agencies serving on LAFCO. This change not only expands the size of the Commission to seven members, but also brings additional expertise and perspectives to the Commission. As members of LAFCO, they will help make decisions on city and special district boundary changes that affect growth and development in the county and will help guide LAFCO's service reviews which promote efficiency, accountability, and transparency of local agencies. Independent special districts will also share in the cost of funding LAFCO along with the cities and the County.

Independent special districts now have two designated seats on LAFCO. By special agreement, one seat is held by a member of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors and the other seat is appointed by the Independent Special District Selection Committee (ISDSC). The ISDSC also appoints a member to serve in place of either one of the two independent special district members.

The ISDSC selected Sequoia Hall, Director, Santa Clara County Open Space Authority, to serve as the regular LAFCO commissioner and Yoriko Kishimoto, Director, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, to serve as alternate LAFCO commissioner. The Santa Clara Valley Water District appointed Linda LeZotte, Director, Santa Clara Valley Water District, to serve as the regular member on LAFCO.

As LAFCO of Santa Clara County enters its 50<sup>th</sup> year of existence, the expansion of LAFCO's membership recognizes the important role that LAFCO continues to play in the county.

